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ESTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

INTERIM REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1943

THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ESTON

Chairman of the Council

Councillor P. McPartlan, J.P.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

(Chairman, Councillor W.T. Radge)

The whole of the members of the Council constitute the Public Health Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

* MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

James A. Dunlop, M.B., Ch.,D.P.H.

* SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR, CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT ETC.

William Linsley M.R.(San)I. (Meat & Food) M.S.I.A., R.P.C.

* ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTORS:

Alfred King, C.R.S.I. (Meat & Food)
Ronald E.V. Warrand, Cert.S.I.B. (Resigned 31st January, 1943)

CLERKS

Wm. Verrill
Mrs O. Cook (Resigned 29th September, 1943)
Mrs E. Yeadon From 11th October, 1943)
Mrs C. Lee (From 15th April, 1943)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL

MATRON

Miss J. Arthur

* Contributions to salary from Exchequer.

ESTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

INTERIM REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1943.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Eston Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health of the Eston Urban District for the year 1943.

As a war-time measure this report is in the abreviated form prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular on the Report of the Medical Officers of Health.

I have made such comments as I considered necessary in the body of the Report, but I would particularly draw your attention now to one aspect of the communal health which, while strictly speaking is not under the administration of this Council, is yet vital to the interests of the District, I refer to the Maternity and Child Welfare statistics. While the Infantile Mortality Rate is reduced this year it is still too high, and, in my opinion this problem can be dealt with mainly by increasing the Ante-natal supervision of expectant mothers, and most important of all by better facilities for confinements to be conducted in Maternity Homes.

In conclusion I wish to express my indebtedness to the members of the Council for the support they have given me during the year, to my colleagues on the Staff of the Council for their willing cooperation at all times, to the Matron and Staff of the Isolation Hospital for the high standard of their work, and to the Staff of the Public Health Department for their loyal cooperation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES A. DUNLOP,

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1944.

SECTION "A"

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the district (acres) ...	...	5,559
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1943) according to Rate Books	...	8,010
Rateable Value (at September 1943)	...	£135,165
Sum represented by penny rate...	...	£515.15. 9d.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

When one considers that for over four years this country has been subjected to the strain of war-time anxieties and restrictions one cannot but be gratified at the good general health of the community as a whole. In my last report I commented on the very favourable condition of the children in the area and another year's work at School Medical Inspections and Infant Welfare Centres strengthens my conviction that the general physique of the children in this area has improved immensely as compared with their predecessors of the pre-war depression years. While bearing in mind that, as a result of the increased war-time trade and industry, the financial circumstances of the community in general has improved, one cannot but appreciate that much of this improvement is due to the good work of the Ministry of Food, and in addition, in the case of the school children, to the provision of school meals. These school meals have proved their value, and their value would be greater still if they were provided to all children attending the schools.

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

The deaths which occurred during the year, divided into age groups, are as follows:-

37	deaths	under one year of age						
12	"	over 1 year and under 5 years						
6	"	"	5	years	"	"	10	"
8	"	"	10	"	"	"	15	"
17	"	"	15	"	"	"	25	"
41	"	"	25	"	"	"	45	"
92	"	"	45	"	"	"	65	"
94	"	"	65	"	"	"	75	"
74	"		75	"	of age		and over	

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	M	F
Cerebro-spinal fever	1	2
Whooping Cough	1	-
Diphtheria	3	1
Respiratory Tuberculosis	10	7
Other forms of Tuberculosis	5	1
Influenza	5	2
Cancer	28	21
Diabetes	3	1
Intracranial vascular lesions	22	26
Heart Disease	48	34
Other diseases of circulatory system	5	2
Bronchitis	11	17
Pneumonia	21	8
Other respiratory diseases	-	2
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	2	-
Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	2	3
Appendicitis	2	1
Other digestive diseases	7	3
Nephritis	4	3
Maternal causes	-	1
Premature birth, malformation etc.	12	3
Suicide	3	3
Road traffic accidents	3	1
Other violent causes	12	3
All other causes	13	13

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

In accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular no population figures are shown throughout this report and I have omitted to show birth and death rates for the district, in the following two tables.

BIRTHS.

LIVE BIRTHS	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	523	282	241
Illegitimate	48	30	18
STILL BIRTHS			
Legitimate	18	9	9
Illegitimate	3	3	-

DEATHS.

Total	Male	Female
381	223	158

DEATHS RATES OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

All infants per 1,000 live births	64.8
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	68.8
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	21

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	49
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under two years)	5

ANALYSIS OF INFANTILE MORTALITY, 1943.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 1 wk	1-2 wks	2-3 wks	3-4 wks	Total under 4 wks	1-3 mth	3-6 mth	6-9 mth	9-12 mths	Total deaths under 1yr
Congenital Cardiac Abnormality	2	-	1	-	3	2	-	3	-	7
Inanition	2	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Convulsions	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	6
Enteritis	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	6
Prematurity	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
Bronchitis	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Shock following scalds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Intussusception	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Intracranial haemorrhage	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Marasmus	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Totals	11	-	3	2	16	5	7	6	3	37

SECTION "B"

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

During the year 311 Diphtheria throat swabs were examined.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The following is a report from the Superintendent of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade:-

"During the year 636 patients have been carried in the ambulance. 553 patients were taken from their homes, 70 accident cases from the local works, and 13 road and other accidents were dealt with. The ambulance travelled 8,395 miles. The Brigade continues to carry out this work voluntarily, no charge being made for the use of the ambulance or the service rendered by the drivers and attendants."

NURSING IN THE HOMES

The following is a brief statement of the activities of the Nursing Associations in the area.

SOUTH BANK ASSOCIATION

Four whole-time fully qualified nurses are employed who made the following visits during the year:-

General	3451
Midwifery & Maternity ...	3221
Ante-Natal	1605
Casual Visits	284
Welfare Centres etc	53
	8614

ESTON, ORMESBY & WILTON ASSOCIATION

This Association employs two whole-time fully qualified nurses who made the following visits during the year:-

General	1835
Midwifery & Maternity ...	2168
Post & Ante-Natal ...	1071
Casual Visits	791
Welfare Centres	80
	5945

GRANGETOWN ASSOCIATION

This Association employs 3 whole-time fully qualified nurses who made the following visits during the year:-

General	3365
Maternity & Midwifery ...	3225
Ante-Natal	628
Sundry Visits	126
Welfare Centres	22
	7366

SECTION "C"

Details of the various sanitary circumstances under this section will be dealt with in the report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector.

ANALYSIS OF THE TOTAL NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS IN AGE GROUPS

DISEASE	Total cases notified												Total deaths											
	Under 1 year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Under 1 year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	-	3	6	12	15	43	14	6	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	4	8	3	6	32	20	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	26	68	92	93	91	201	4	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	8	8	14	12	10	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	2	4	7	2	5	1	13	2	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	8	8
Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	1	1	-	1	1	3	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteritis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chicken Pox	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	38	84	122	120	125	298	48	17	17	7	18	3	6	4	1	1	1	2	2	-	3	1	8	8

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following is a table of particulars of infectious disease treated at the Isolation Hospital during 1943.

Disease	No. of cases admitted	No. in at 31/12/42	No. of cases discharged	No. in hospital at 31/12/43
Diphtheria	81*	12	91	2
Measles	4*	-	4	-
Scarlet Fever	79	-	74	5
Dysentery	8*	-	8	-
Puerperal Fever	3*	-	2	1
Cerebro-spinal Fever	9*	2	11	-
Enteritis	1*	-	1	-
Chicken Pox	1	-	1	-
Erysipelas	3	-	3	-
Query Meningitis proved Uraemia, chronic Nephritis	1	-	-	1
Tonsilitis	2*	-	2	-
Totals	192	14	197	9

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN THE WARDS

WARD	Dysentery	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Measles	Puerperal Fever	Whooping Cough	Cerebro spinal Fever	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
North West	-	17	10	4	-	44	-	2	-	-
Grangetown	2	9	20	2	-	103	1	-	3	1
Normanby	-	7	6	9	1	83	1	48	2	-
Harcourt	-	7	5	2	1	30	-	2	-	-
Branch	1	2	6	3	-	30	1	4	1	-
Central	2	33	20	8	2	214	1	4	2	-
South Bank	-	11	6	3	1	36	-	7	1	-
Tilery	-	17	8	5	-	40	-	-	2	1
Totals	5	103	81	36	5	580	4	67	11	2

* 3 cases of Dysentery, 1 Enteritis, 1 Measles, 2 Tonsilitis, and 1 Puerperal Fever were admitted from outside districts.

* 22 cases of Diphtheria, 6 Cerebro-spinal Fever, and 2 Dysentery were found negative.

SECTION "D"

This section is dealt with in the report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION "E"

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SECTION "F"

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

In comparing the incidence of Infectious Disease in 1943 with the incidence in 1942 one notes a very considerable increase in the number of cases of Measles and Scarlet Fever. The number of cases of Diphtheria remains much the same as in the previous year. The campaign to immunise children against Diphtheria still continues though on a reduced scale, one Immunising Clinic per month being sufficient to deal with those who wish to protect their children. The campaign started in 1941, and since the protection given does not last indefinitely, I would recommend to those parents who had their children immunised as infants, that it is a wise precaution to give those children another protecting dose before they start school. The school age is still the age of greatest risk from Diphtheria, and during the year under review, close on 65% of all cases of Diphtheria occurred in children of school age.

The following table gives in tabulated form the amount of immunisation done in the district during 1943.

	Under 5 years	5 - 15 years
No. of children immunised during 1943	528	184
Estimate population of children in area	2,700	5,465
Percentage of child population immunised	68%	94%

These figures are very satisfactory.

In this connection I am much indebted to the Health Visitors for their persistent efforts to persuade parents to have their children protected. I have, as in the past, received much help and cooperation from the Medical Practitioners and Head Teachers in the area.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND FUMIGATIONS

491 visits were made in connection with infectious disease. The following is an analysis of the premises disinfected during the year.

Houses	Rooms	Cause
103	354	Scarlet Fever
81	298	Diphtheria
18	64	Tuberculosis
14	59	Other medical causes
37	142	Other causes
253	917	

T U B E R C U L O S I S

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1943.

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year and of all deaths from this disease are shown in the following table in age groups:-

AGE PERIODS	Cases notified				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1
1 and 5 years	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
5 and 10 years	-	-	3	3	-	-	1	-
10 and 15 years	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	1
15 and 20 years	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
20 and 25 years	1	3	-	-	2	1	-	-
25 and 35 years	5	8	1	1	3	5	-	-
35 and 45 years	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
45 and 55 years	6	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
55 and 65 years	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 years and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	15	14	7	10	10	7	4	2

The deaths from this cause show a decrease of 3 on those for the previous year, but the number of cases notified shows an increase of 10 as compared with the previous year.

(An increase of 3 in Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 7 Non-Pulmonary.)

To the Chairman and Members of the
Eston Urban District Council .

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit for your consideration a further war-time annual report of a brief and interim nature dealing with the work of your Sanitary Inspectors and personnel carrying out the Sanitary Provisions of Public Health Work during the year ending 31st December, 1943.

The outstanding features of the year were the delivery of a new 'Karrier' Refuse Van in February to replace a worn out 'Ford' Van which was more than ten years old and uneconomical in service. It was not sold as the spare parts were needed to replace worn out ones on another 'Ford' Van purchased in 1934.

There was only one common lodging house in the district at the end of the previous year and this was closed in March.

In connection with Salvage Collection, a very successful drive was held in September when 66,773 books were collected, this showed an average of 2.27 books per head of population which was very satisfactory.

A Government White Paper dealing with the transfer of powers from local authorities to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries concerning the production of Milk was received and considered by your Council after which it was decided to protest against the proposals it contained.

Pressure of the Ministry of Supply (Local Authorities) regarding the provision of communal bins for the collection of Kitchen Waste was resisted on the grounds of nuisances likely to arise from such practice.

The restriction of labour as well as building materials continued to be responsible for delays in carrying out repair works.

From the tabulated records it will be seen that inspections have been well maintained with the staff available and every effort has been made to maintain a reasonable standard of Sanitary administration.

I am indebted to the Officers of the Council, Staff and Workmen for the ready help and co-operation I have at all times received from them in the discharge of my many and varied duties.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM LINSLEY.

Senior Sanitary Inspector & Cleansing Superintendent.

SECTION "C".

WATER.

There were no new sources of public water supply or important extension of the mains during the year. Two samples of water were taken, one on behalf of the Council and one by Officers of the Tees Valley Water Board. Both samples were submitted for chemical and bacteriological examination and proved wholesome and suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

No extensive sewerage works were carried out and the method of disposal of sewerage remained the same as heretofor.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

There are no alterations or works of importance to report under this heading.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

With the exception of a small number of farms and isolated houses, the district is served by the water carriage system. General conversion from pail closets took place twenty years ago.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

There was no outstanding change of policy during the year and no unusual change in the personnel carrying out the work of public cleansing and salvage in general. Communal shelters in the back streets continue to increase the cost of refuse collection.

Street sweeping is carried out on the "beat" system with street orderly barrows.

Street gulley cleaning continues by horse drawn vehicles, the horses and drivers being employed under contract.

Snow falls were very light during the early and latter parts of the year and consequently snow removal costs were comparatively low.

The collection, sorting and sale of Salvage was continued very successfully throughout the year. The yield was well maintained although there was a noticeable reduction in the amount of waste paper which provides most of our revenue. Special reports on the collection and disposal of Salvage were circulated at the

ends of March and September which showed very satisfactory results. Under the circumstances it would not appear necessary to pursue the matter further in this report except to state briefly that the two half yearly reports read together show that there was a balance of income over expenditure of £887. 2s. 5d. after all buildings and plant had been paid for including £204. 8s. 10d. for salvage trailers and £26. 12s. 0d. for galvanised bins for the collection of kitchen waste. The total income from Salvage sales was £2172. 7s. 10d.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

GENERAL SANITARY WORK

The following is a tabulated statement of the number and nature of the inspections made during the year under the various Acts, Orders and Byelaws in force within the Urban Area.

Inspections.	Visits.
Dwelling houses inspected under Public Health Act. etc.	1020
" " (reinspection) under above	358
" " (work in progress) under above.	12
Interviews with Builders, Owners and others.	1054
Complaints investigated.	376
Inspections of :-	
Bakehouses	11
Common Lodging Houses	10
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	40
Slaughterhouses	289
Markets and Food Stores.	181
Workshops and Workplaces	19
Schools	5
Fish and Fried Fish Shops	14
Outworkers premises	1
Conveniences (Public)	8
Rat Infested Premises	54
Infectious Disease.	302
Fumigations	189
Drain examinations	117
Under Food & Drugs Acts	42
Scavenging & Cleansing	391
Under Petroleum Acts	7
Overcrowding (Housing Act).	2
Miscellaneous visits not enumerated above	748

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT UNDER NOTICES SERVED.

The various works which were completed under notices served on or after intimation had been given to the Owners or Occupiers, are set out below:-

Number of :-

Chimneys and roofs repaired ..	51
Spoutings and rainwater pipes renewed	14
Walls rebuilt or repaired ..	12
Floors relaid or repaired ..	40
Ceilings and plasters repaired	46
Window frames and sash cords repaired	30
Fireplaces repaired ..	26
Doors and frames repaired ..	50
Sinks and waste pipes repaired or provided	21
Setpots repaired	19
House water supplies repaired ..	25
Yard surfaces relaid or repaired ..	7
Refuse Bins renewed ..	636
Staircases repaired ..	4
Pantries and Coalhouses provided or repaired	3

House Drainage.

Drains tested, relaid or repaired	20
New gullies, traps or grids provided	31
Stoppages in drains removed by Owners	63
Stoppages in drains removed by Council without Notices being served.	739

Water Closets.

Water supplies repaired ..	82
Cisterns renewed or repaired ..	9
Basins renewed ..	12
Seats and flush pipes renewed ..	5
Stoppages in drains removed by Owners	41
Stoppages in drains removed by Council without Notices being served	164
Privy Pans renewed.	6

Workshops.

Notices received from H.M. Inspector	3
Notices served on Owners or Occupiers	3

Common Lodging Houses

Visits	10
Room inspections for cleanliness and vermin	72

(NOTE - This Common Lodging House was closed during March, 1943)

COMPLAINTS.

Complaints received were of a general nature, mostly referring to stopped drains, repairs to houses, etc. The number of complaints was slightly higher than those of the previous year, records were kept of their nature and the action taken.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Complaints were received during the year regarding nuisances from dust and smoke emissions from factories. The large industries in the District do not come within the Smoke Abatement Act, and the Alkalies Works Inspector had the investigation of these complaints in hand.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are no facilities under this heading in the District.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

The number of infested premises brought to my notice during the year was comparatively small. The usual method of removing mouldings and skirtings and fumigating and spraying were continued with good effect. Tenants may now have the loan of a sprayer and insecticide to do the work themselves if they wish to do so.

	Infested.	Disinfested.
No. of Council houses	1	1
No. of other houses	25	25

2 premises were sprayed by the tenants.

SCHOOLS.

The elementary schools in the District are under the control of the North Riding County Council who attend to their own alterations and repairs. 5 visits were made for various reasons, mostly connected with drain stoppages etc.

FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES.

Periodical visits were made to these premises. The defects found were of a minor nature and were remedied on representations being made to the occupiers. There is only one outworker registered in the district and the work is of an intermittent nature. During the year it was only necessary for H.M. Inspector of Factories to draw my attention to 3 contraventions of the Act. Two of these were remedied and at one factory new accomodation was in course of erection at the close of the year.

SECTION "D"

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b)	..	nil
(b) (1) By the Local Authority	..	nil
(2) By other bodies or persons	..	nil

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for houses defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 932

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 1390

(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 .. .. nil

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose nil

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .. nil

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .. 932

2. Remedy of defects during the year without the service of Formal notices:-
Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local Authority or their officers .. 784

3. Action under statutory Powers during the year:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal notices

(a) By Owners .. .. nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .. .. nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after the service of Formal notices:-

(a) By Owners .. .. nil

(b) By Local Authority in defaul of Owners nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:- nil

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1) Number of separate tenements or undergrpund rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit. nil

4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV - Overcrowding :-

(a)	(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of 1942	39
	(2) Number of families dwelling therein	39
	(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	299
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during 1943	nil
(c)	(1) Number of cases of overcrowing relieved during 1943	nil
	(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	nil
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	nil
(e)	Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	nil

SECTION "E"

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

All the meat supplies in this Area are now received from the adjoining County Borough and allocated to the butchers from a distributing depot. Regular visits are made to the depot at the times when the meat is being received or allocated. The fresh killed meat is inspected in the Borough's Public Slaughterhouse at the time of slaughter whilst the frozen meat is inspected at the wholesale establishments. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that the quantity of meat found to be unfit for food is very small. Any complaints made regarding the inspection or quality of the meat received attention and the working relationship between the control, the butchers and myself is very satisfactory.

520 visits were made in connection with meat and food inspection; the approximate quantities of meat, exclusive of offals and joints which passed through the distributing depot were:-

Fresh killed			
Sides of beef	1797	Sheep and Lambs	5572
Carcases of pigs	181	Calves	440

Imported			
Fore & Hind quarters of beef	1829	Sheep and Lambs	13729
		Carcases of Calves	41
Pork Loins	112666 Lbs		
" "	233 Cases		
" Legs	3429 Lbs		
Tinned Meat	964 Cases		

UNSOUND FOOD

Apart from unsatisfactory meat returned to the senders the following was found to be unfit for food:-

Fresh killed meat	19 lbs.
Frozen beef	70 lbs.
Frozen mutton	12 lbs.
Pork offals and joints	207 lbs.
Bacon	480 lbs.
Fresh Fish	286 lbs.
Fats	28 lbs.
Poultry	27 head
Luncheon Polony	21 lbs.
Barley	20 lbs.
Salt	20 lbs.
Crushed Oates	75 lbs.
Sugar	12 lbs.
Meat Pies	104
Cheese	2 lbs.
Prunes	125 lbs.
Fish Paste	11 jars

Tinned Goods:-

Milk	8355 tins
Beans	44 "
Fruit	82 "
Fish	34 "
Meat	65 "
Vegetables and soups	38 "

Several items in the list were rendered unfit by enemy action and others due to long or defective storage on board ships.

MILK SUPPLY

The number of milk producers and wholesalers did not vary during the year.

The number of cowsheds remained the same as in the previous year (14) and the number of cows was approximately 136.

40 visits were made to cowsheds, dairies and milkshops and any request regarding limewashing and cleansing was attended to without undue delay.

There are no premises in the district registered under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936. Two dairies outside the district hold supplementary licences to sell "Pasteurised Milk" in the area.

47 informal samples of new milk were taken for analysis and office tested all of which proved genuine. The highest fat content recorded was 4.7% and the lowest 3.2% with an average for the 47 samples of 3.5% which is good average.

All the samples were passed through cotton wool filter pads to ascertain the dirt content and where necessary the attention of the vendors and producers was drawn to the necessity of keeping the milk clean.

One sample of the milk supply delivered at a school was suspected of contamination after being left outside the school, on this the analysist reported that no contamination had been found.